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FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 3384

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED IRANIAN ARMS TRANSFERS DURING 1 971 WAR

REF: A) NEW DELHU 5535; B) ISLAMABAD 3776; C) TEHRAN 6905,  
DEC 7, 1971

1. EMBASSY NEW DELHI IS CORRECT IN CONTINUING TO AFFIRM  
THAT THE US DID NOT APPROVE ANY TRANSFERS OF US ORGIN

EQUIPMENT FROM IRAN TO PAKISTAN DURING 1971 WAR ( TEHRAN REFTTEL)  
ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, AUTHORIZATION OF USG FOR  
TRANSFER WAS NEVER NECESSARY DURING THAT PERIOD. EMBASSY  
RECORDS SHOW FOLLOWING IRANIAN WARTIME MILITARY AID TO PAKISTAN:

A) SANCTUARY FOR PIA FLEET. THESE AIRCRAFT, WE UNDER-  
STAND, WERE STRIPPED OF SEATS AND USED TO FERRY CARGO TO PAKISTAN.

B) LOCALLY MANUFACTURED FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT AND  
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AMBULANCES FOR USE IN KARACHI.

C) LOCALLY MANUFACTURED 105 MM ARTILLERY AMMUNITION  
AND SOME SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION.

D) SEVERAL HELICOPTERS WITHOUT ARMAMENTS, BUT MANNED  
BY IRANIAN CREWS. GOI MAINTAINED THESE AIRCRAFT WERE NOT  
TRANSFERRED TO PAKISTAN BUT WERE SENT THERE UNDER IRANIAN  
CONTROL ON TRAINING MISSION.

2. IN ADDITION, THREE LIBYAN F-5 A AIRCRAFT STOPPED IN  
TEHRAN ENROUTE TO PAKISTAN. IT IS POSSIBLE ARRIVAL OF  
THESE AIRCRAFT CONTRIBUTED TO UNFOUNDED RUMOR THAT US  
HAD APPROVED TRANSFER OF IRANIAN AIRCRAFT TO PAKISTAN.

3. COMMENT: ABOVE LISTING IS GENRALLY IN ACCORD WITH  
WHAT GOP ACKNOWLEDGED AS RECEIVING FROM IRAN IN 1971  
CONFLICT ( ISLAMABAD 3776). IT DOES NOT ADD UP TO MUCH  
AND AT TIME OF HOSTILITIES IT WAS OUR IMPRESSION THAT GOI  
HAD ACTED IN LESS OPEN- HANDED MANNER THAN IN 1965 AND THAT  
GOP HAD IN FACT BEEN DISAPPOINTED, HAVING EXPECTED A  
LOT MORE FROM ITS FRIEND. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION IF EMBASSY  
DELHI WISHES DRAW DISCREETLY ON FOREGOING IN DISCUSSIONS  
WITH INDIAN OFFICIALS BUT ON GENERAL QUESTION OF IRAN-  
PAKISTANI MILITARY RELATIONSHIPS WE AGAIN URGE INDIANS  
BE TOLD TO ADDRESS THEIR QUESTIONS TO IRAN NOT RPT NOT US.  
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